

May 27, 2010 MINUTES
PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste
Management Task Force

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
9 a.m. Conference Room C
Alambra, California

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Mohajer (Chair), Integrated Waste Management Task Force; Nicholas Morell, County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County; Ray Hamada, City of Irwindale; Angela Williams, City of Inglewood; and Laura Cronin, City of Santa Monica.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mario Rivas, City of Huntington Park; Jose Reynoso, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (Solid Waste Management Program); and Cynthia Van Hul, GHG Climate Team.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vanessa A. Lopez, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the Chair.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 18, 2010, were approved.

III. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

City of San Dimas – The article, *San Dimas Celebrates Earth Day*, was approved with minor changes.

City of Malibu – The article, *First Anniversary of Malibu's E-Waste Recycling Event*, was reviewed and approved with edits.

County of Los Angeles – *Letter in Support for AB 222 Regarding Energy from Biogenic Waste*, was approved.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Residents Recycle and Earn Rewards*, was reviewed and approved with edits.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Stricter State Regulations on Landfill Postclosure Maintenance, Corrective Action, and Financial Assurance Become Effective*, was reviewed and approved with edits.

County of Los Angeles – The article, *Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Approve New Conversion Technology Project*, was reviewed and approved with changes.

Mike Mohajer requested staff to prepare additional articles covering the areas listed below for publication in an upcoming newsletter:

- Brag About Your Bag.
- Smart Gardening, if possible.
- Update on CalRecycle's Organic Waste Lifecycle Analysis.
- Update on Mandatory Commercial Recycling.
- Legislative Update
- Conversion Technologies Update

IV. TASK FORCE MEETING DEBRIEFING, Mike Mohajer

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) met on March 18, 2010 and April 15, 2010. The following is a brief summary of some of the issues discussed/addressed by the Task Force:

- The Task Force forwarded a letter to all the City Mayors requesting support for AB 222 - Conversion Technologies. A sample letter of support was enclosed. The Task Force appreciates any support Cities can give, provided they are in support of AB 222.
- The topic of Sunshine Canyon Landfill and its odor and revegetation was also discussed. The Task Force forwarded a letter to the County Department of Regional Planning expressing concerns regarding inadequacy of the Conditional Use Permit enforcement activities as well as the revegetation efforts. The Task force also conducted a site visit and requested a meeting with the County Department of Regional Planning and the County Public Works Department to further discuss the concerns. In reference to odor problems, the South Coast Air Quality Management has ordered the Landfill operator to cease and desist conducting operations at the Landfill that result in noncompliance with their requirements.
- CalRecycle is revising their enforcement policy which addressed how they are going to measure jurisdiction compliance with the waste reduction mandate of AB 939. The Task Force submitted a letter to CalRecycle requesting them to conduct a workshop in Southern California, but has not received a response yet.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled on August 19, 2010, at Public Works Headquarters.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.